

of Elba were assembled, and dancing with great glee, when, about midnight, Bonaparte came, in his barge, unexpectedly, and masked, to join the festivity. He was very affable, and visited every part of the ship, and all the amusements which had been prepared for the different classes of persons. On his birthday, the 15th of August, he ordered the Mayor to give a ball, and for this purpose a temporary building, capable of holding «J()0 persons, was to be erected, and the whole entertainment, building and all, were to be at the expense of the inhabitants themselves. These, were bad auspices, and accordingly the ball completely failed. Madame Mere, Madame Bertram!, and the two ladies of honor, attended, but not above thirty of the fair islanders, and as the author of the *Itineraire* remarks, "*Le bul ful tristr, t/u<n*ju& /tonujMirte n'y -parut pas*"

Having in an excursion reached the summit of one. of the highest hills on the inland, when* the sea wan visible all round him, he shook his head with affected solemnity, and exclaimed in a bantering tone, ^ *Eh! i/fnut <t rimer tjur. mon lie, esi Irivn petite..*"

On this mountain one of the party saw a little **church in an** almost inaeeeeHHible situation, and **observed that**, it was a most inconvenient site for a church, **for surely no** congregation could attend it. "It is on thai* **account the.** more convenient **to** the **parson,**" **replied** Bonaparte, ** who may preach what stuff he pleases without fear **of contradiction/**

As they descended th« hill and **met som«** peasants with their goats who asked for **charity**, Bonaparte told a story which the present **circumstances brought to** his recollection, that when he, was **crossing** thrt Great St. Bernard, **previously to the battle of Mawngo, he had met a goat-heni,** and entered **into** conversation with **him.** Tit*¹ **goat-he*r<i,** **not knowing to** whom he was **speaking,** lamented **his own hard lot,** and **envied** the riches **of sonut** persons who **actually** had and corn-

fields. Bonaparte Inquired **if Homo** fairy were to offer to gratify all his **wishes what he** would ask ? The poor peasant expressed, **in hiB** own **opinion**, some very **extravagant** desires, **such** as a dozen, of cows and a good farmhouse,
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